

3 DEAD IN FLAT HOUSE BLAZE

OLD MAN BURNED; YOUNG GIRLS
SUFFOCATED IN BED.

Firemen say Rush of flames up stairway
Points to incendiary origin—Terrible
Deaths of Women and Children Dropped
From Fire Escapes Into a Life Net.

An old man and two of his granddaughters lost their lives in a fire early yesterday morning in a five story flat house at the southwest corner of Ninety-seventh and Lexington avenues. The fire was a peculiar one, it was probably of incendiary origin. Truck company 13 distinguished itself by rescuing more than a score of panic stricken women and children from a crowded fire escape.

While the truck company was making rescues engine companies 22, 44 and 58 worked their hose lines up the stairways, gradually putting out the fire. In the hall-way of the top floor the fire found Frederick Weber, 69 years old, an invalid, who had been burned to death while attempting to escape. His two granddaughters, Lily Usher, 18 years old, and her sister Blanche, 16 years old, were suffocated in their beds.

George Blauvelt, a motorman, discovered the fire at 532 A. M. and turned in an alarm. When Deputy Chief Langford, who is stationed on 111th street, near Madison avenue, was awakened, he went to the roof and saw a sheet of bright flame bursting from the flat house nearly a mile away. Battalion Chief Dougherty reached the fire a little sooner than Langford, and although he got there a very few minutes after the fire started it was under three headway.

The firemen found that a quantity of oil had been set on fire in the basement and the flames had run up the stairways in the center of the building almost as quickly as if there had been an explosion. Exit was immediately cut off by the stairways, and the tenants rushed out to the one fire escape on the Ninety-seventh street side of the building.

People on the fourth and fifth floors were able to run down the stairs to the third floor, and the tenants of all the floors on and above the second were crowded on the landings and fire escapes at the second and third floors. They were mostly women and children and soon became panic stricken.

The landing on the second floor became so crowded that the people couldn't jump to the sidewalk, and many of them were afraid to do so. The fire continued to burn but nothing on but their night clothes, and the landing soon became so heated that solder melted from it and fell to the street below.

Two policemen, John Gibbons of the East 104th street station and Thomas Gilbert of the East Eighty-eighth street station, put a ladder to the landing and rescued five persons. Then Truck 13 came along and its men rescued more than twenty women and children.

Foreman James Tjerman and several firemen climbed to the second and third floors and handed people down to men below them.

Some of the women were so frightened that Tjerman had to pick them up and throw them into the life net below. At one time he held a baby in each arm and dropped them both into the net. Foreman Martin also made many rescues. None of the persons on the fire escapes were hurt, except for slight burns. When the life net was put out to dry later in the day the firemen found that it was covered with hard oaks of solder which fell from the fire escape.

Deputy Chief Langford said that the rapidly with which the fire gained headway indicated incendiary origin. In a flat house filled with people some one would have been sure to discover the flames sooner, he thought, if the fire hadn't been given artificial help.

PANIC OVER HERE SMOKE.

Pot of Tar Used Results in Injury to Nine
Cigar Factory Girl Employees.

A big pot of tar in the street in front of the American Cigar Company's factory at 447 East Fifty-second street was overturned yesterday morning by a passing truck. Some of the clouds of black smoke got into the windows of the five story building, and some one cried "Fire!" The 600 girls in the place made a dash to get out of the building and in the rush nine of them were injured.

ART. LEXA, 19 years old, of 315 East Fifty-fourth street, contusions of the side.

BRUCHIN, ANNE, 20 years old, of 230 East Seventy-third street, contusions of the side.

CALFE, ROSA, 19 years old, of 434 East Seventy-fifth street, contusions of the back.

HESTER, MARY, 25 years old, of 189 Cannon street, cut thumb.

KLANA, CHARLES, 29 years old, of 435 East 174th street, contusions of the elbow.

KAROVIC, MARY, 26 years old, of 111th street and First avenue, abrasions of the face.

MALES, MARY, 27 years old, of 1537 Fifth avenue, sprained thumb.

TRIFLET, SARAH, 17 years old, of 49 East Third street, sprained ankle.

YOUNG, JOSE, 17 years old, of 57 Morris street, Jersey City, injuries unknown.

The Yench girl was the most seriously injured. She was taken to the Flower Hospital, where it was said that she would probably recover. All the others were able to go to their homes.

A majority of the girls were on the fourth floor. The employees on the ground floor, when they saw the smoke, feared that trouble would follow and ran to the rear and front fire stairways and into fire escapes on each side of the building. They checked the panic as soon as it began. The office employees got to the various stairways and succeeded in quieting some of the frightened young women, but the more excitable ones rushed down the stairways.

In the rush the Tribble girl tripped at the third floor and some one stepped on her ankle.

The other women were injured by trying to jump from the roof of the building to an adjoining building just a few feet lower. Some of them landed on others and the under ones got hurt.

At the foot of East Fifty-second street in the Charities Department, Police Officer Michael J. Fitzpatrick saw the commotion at the tobacco factory and got there in time to help quell the panic. A fire alarm had been turned in, but there was nothing for the firemen to do when they responded.

FIREMAN'S SPINE INJURED.

In the Dark, Stepped Off Roof of 3 Story
Building and Fell to the Street.

Fireman John Knapp of Engine Company 29 was seriously hurt yesterday morning at a fire which did \$50,000 damage to the chair factory of Hayman Bros. at 505 Washington street. He is in St. Vincent's Hospital with an injured spine. He will recover.

Knapp's company was the first to arrive at the fire. Capt. Rush ordered the men to the roof of 126 Greenwich street to fight the flames from that place. Knapp was the first to go up. He broke open the scuttle on the roof. It was close to the edge of the three story building and in the darkness he missed his footing and fell to the street.

Seemed Like a Big Accident to McGee.

Flagman Patrick McGee, 57 years old, who guarded the Eighth avenue crossing of the Lackawanna at Newark, stood too close to the track as the theatre train was passing his crossing at 1:30 yesterday morning and was struck by the pilot beam of the cylinder head of the engine and was tossed aside with his left leg broken in two places. His right knee cap dislocated and his head cut. He was taken to the City Hospital, and his first question was: "How many passengers were hurt?" Then he asked about the fate of the engineer and fireman.

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PRIEST EXONERATED

Whom Jane Morris's Niece Accused of
Unduly Influencing the Aged Woman.

Supreme Court Justice Gildersleeve rendered a decision yesterday completely exonerating the Rev. John J. Hughes, pastor of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, from all the allegations that he had used his influence unduly in advising Jane Morris how to make a testamentary disposition of her property.

Jane Morris died, aged 90, in October, 1902. She had lived for years with her sister-in-law, Ellen Morris, at 131 West Sixtieth street; but, eight weeks before her death, Father Hughes and his nephew, John T. Hughes, removed her from the equal tenement to better rooms at 139 West Sixtieth street, where John T. Hughes took care of her till she died.

Jane Morris had accumulated \$5,000 in savings and five weeks before her death she made a will bequeathing \$2,000 to Father Hughes and making another bequest to the church. Father Hughes told her, however, that he would not accept the bequest, so the will was destroyed, and Mrs. Morris then gave a power of attorney to John T. Hughes, who, at her direction, transferred \$2,000 to the Missionary Congregation of St. Paul the Apostle. The rest of her savings was to be spent in caring for her, and should any money remain her sister-in-law, Ellen Morris, was to get it.

Ellen Morris brought suit for the whole estate and made charges involving the integrity of Father Hughes and Justice Gildersleeve, before whom the case was tried, says the evidence shows that the money was disposed of as the testatrix herself desired, and that the conduct of Father Hughes throughout was unquestionably that of a pure and holy man looking after the spiritual welfare of an aged parishioner in the regular discharge of his priestly duties. The suit is therefore dismissed.

INSURED IN SISTER'S NAME.

When Mrs. Messinger Died, Sons of Judah
Paid \$500—Three Arrests.

Carl Messinger, a Russian tailor, living at 242 East Thirtieth street; his sister-in-law, Annie Hoplan, and Siegfried Kurtzer, a painter, of 379 East Tenth street, were arraigned before Magistrate Cornell in the Tombs police to face charges of conspiring to defraud the Independent Order of the Free Sons of Judah out of \$500 life insurance.

According to a confession made by Kurtzer, who was a member of the Subordinate Lodge Chasph Sophar No. 2, he presented for membership in February, 1903, the names of Messinger and Annie Hoplan, representing the latter as Messinger's wife, Sarah, Dr. Maurice M. Berger gave both certificates of good health, and on Feb. 14 they were admitted to the lodge. On July 18, 1903, Kurtzer says, Messinger's real wife died in the Manhattan State Hospital for the Insane at Central Islip, L. I., where she had been confined since December, 1901.

Messinger, he says, took the death certificate given him by the hospital authorities and, showing it to Secretary Sigmund Fodor of the Free Sons of Judah, asked for \$500 due on the policy. The Kurtzer says, Messinger's sister-in-law dropped out of the lodge and was ostensibly dead. She changed her dress, he said, wore her hair differently, and went over to Brooklyn to live.

In his hurry to cash the policy, Kurtzer says, Messinger sold it to another of the lodge's members for \$100. Secretary Fodor, hearing of the transaction, began an investigation, and it was to him that Kurtzer confessed.

Magistrate Cornell held all three in \$1,000 bail each for examination on Saturday.

VACATES MADISON AVE. PULPIT.

The Rev. Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston
Decides to Resign.

The Rev. Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston has resigned as pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. The resignation was presented at a meeting of the congregation called to consider the proposition made by the church board to grant the minister a leave of absence for a year, which Dr. Johnston expects to pass in Asia. He is going to make a tour of missionary fields, beginning in Japan and extending to Syria, under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Free Presbyterian Church, the American Board of Foreigners and the World's Student Movement, an offshoot of the Y. M. C. A.

He announced to the congregation that as the trip might take nearly a year and a half, he thought it wise to tender his resignation, to take effect in April, and thus leave them free to act for the best interests of the church. A committee was appointed to consider the matter and another to take steps, with Dr. Johnston's cooperation, to secure another minister provided the resignation is accepted. Dr. Johnston has been pastor of the church nearly seven years, in which time the new building at Madison avenue and Seventy-third street was erected.

BURGLARS TOO NOISY.

Policeman Heard Them Trying to Break
Through Ten Inches of Concrete.

Four burglars, who were evidently familiar with the construction of the building, were caught early yesterday morning trying to break into the store of H. Narcher, a silk dealer at 100 Lewis street.

The floor of the store has a 10 inch layer of concrete. The burglars went into the cellar and bored sugar holes through the concrete and then tried to break out the patch they had outlined, with crowbars. They made enough noise to attract the attention of Policeman Brewster of the Union Market station, who was on post. He sent for the reserves and they surrounded the building. Then with drawn revolvers several policemen went into the basement and surprised the burglars at work.

The prisoners described themselves as William Monroe of 4 Rivington street, James Howard of 32 Delancey street, Max Gelb of 4 Rivington street, and Morris Feinberger of 126 Greenwich street.

They were arraigned later in the Essex Market police court and all pleaded guilty. They were held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

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MAN AND WOMAN DEAD TOGETHER

Asphyxiated in Hotel by Gas Which Ap-
parently Was Turned On Accidentally.

Peter McNamara, 33 years old, employed in the Street Cleaning Department of Brooklyn, who lived at 166 Third avenue, Williamsburg, and Rose White, 27 years old, of 186 Metropolitan avenue, were found dead yesterday in the Jackson House, a Raines law hotel at 22 Grand street, Williamsburg. They had been asphyxiated by gas.

The couple registered at the hotel late on Wednesday night as "Robert Brown and wife" and were assigned to a rear room on the third floor. They were heard later singing "I'd Leave My Happy Home for You." Shortly before 7 o'clock yesterday morning Annie Cook, a chambermaid, smelled gas and she called William Quigley, the night clerk. The door was kicked in and the couple were found dead. They were partly dressed. Gas was escaping from a combination gas fixture. The police believe the gas was accidentally turned on by McNamara. Both had been drinking when they went to the hotel.

SEPARATED IN ILLNESS.

Husband in Chicago and Wife in Paris
—May Never See Each Other Again.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—Each seriously ill, one in Chicago and the other in Paris, James S. Gibbs and his wife are keeping in daily communication by means of cablegrams. Mr. Gibbs, who is the vice-president of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, is at his home on the North Side, where he is suffering from acute cirrhosis of the liver. He is attended by his daughter, Mrs. Adolph Boege.

Mrs. Gibbs is at the home of another daughter in Paris, where she sustained a stroke of paralysis some time ago from which she is not expected to recover.

Each knowing the condition of the other, they have given up all hope of meeting again and are trying to encourage each other.

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WANTS HIS \$150 WIDOW.

Rural Italian Fruit Vendor Canvases Arrest of Friend Who Introduced Them.

A little Italian fruit vendor named Giovanni Vitalano of Baldwin, L. I., told to Magistrate Cornell in Tombs police court yesterday a tale of a friend, Raffaele Miele, whom he had known in Italy as a little boy, and a soft-eyed, glossy haired siren from Brooklyn whose name, he said, was Giuseppe Abrosino.

Vitalano said that in an unlucky moment he told Miele that he was dying for the love of a good woman who could conjointly do the honors of a wife and attend to his fruit stand.

"Last Monday," said he, through Court Interpreter Moustaki, "I heard of the place a few weeks ago, but I will not say anything further about it, as the matter is before the courts."

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